



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday

9:30 am Worship/Communion

7:00 pm S. Williamsport, Baccalaureate

Monday, June 1

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

4:30 Blessed Beginnings Graduation

Thursday, June 4

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:30 pm NA

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6



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Congratulations to our Confirmands



(left –right: Sydney Brown, Alivia Klemick, Malory Klemick, Doriann Morris and Weston Sherman with Pastor Jerry)

Reminders:

Saturday, May 30 at 4:00 pm - Celebrating the installation of Pastor “Jerry” Kliner. Installation service with communion begins at 4:00 pm following a catered meal in Shaheen Hall for fellowship.

Sunday, May 31 at 7:00 pm – South Williamsport Baccalaureate Service followed with refreshments in Shaheen Hall.

Congratulations Graduates

Sunday, June 7 we will recognize our high school senior, **Nathan Rudio**. Nathan will be going to the University of Buffalo majoring in Environmental Architecture.

Lauren Peck graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology. Lauren was awarded a Bachelor of Science in aviation maintenance technology. A Dean’s List student and member of the Penn College women’s tennis team, Lauren worked as an aviation lab assistant for the college and served as an aviation technician intern for Corning Inc. Lauren is a cyber operations noncommissioned officer in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, participated in numerous military education and leadership programs and received military awards including the Air Force Commendation Medal. She is a member of the SALUTE, Alpha Chi and Chi Alpha Sigma national honor societies. She received the President’s Award and the Aviation Technology Faculty Award.

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SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee
Lay Asst: David Bausinger; **Comm. Asst.:** Mary Schultz; **Acolyte:** Dylan Sherman
Altar Guild: Susan Bryan, April Gardner; **Greeters/Presenters:** Jody Fullmer, Carl Gee
Cantor: ‘Ville Harmonic; **Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

Sunday, May 24: Attendance: *In Church: 102; Online: 10*; Offering: **\$2,531.00**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my daughters, Love Vonnie. The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Gerald Kliner, STS, in celebration of his installation day on May 30, 2026.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, May 31: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20*
Monday, June 1: *Psalms 29; Job 38:39-38:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3*
Tuesday, June 2: *Psalms 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13*
Wednesday, June 3: *Psalms 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26*
Thursday, June 4: *Psalms 50:7-15; Lamentations 1:7-11; 2 Peter 2:17-2*
Friday, June 5: *Psalms 50:7-15; Lamentations 3:40-58; Acts 28:1-10*
Saturday, June 6: *Psalms 50:7-15; Exodus 34:1-9; Matthew 9:27-34*



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Articles for the **Messenger and Bulletin** are due in the office by Monday at noon.



The choir will sing the last anthem before their summer break on June 7. We would like to invite anyone who likes to sing join us for a Saints in Song Sunday on that day. The anthem for that day is based on the favorite hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and it is easy to learn. **Rehearsals will be after church on May 31 and at 8:45 on June 7.** Please join us to sing praise to God.



An ice cream social is planned for June 28th after church in Shaheen Hall. There will be vanilla and chocolate ice cream with various toppings.



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children/Family - **Mr. Henry's Wild and Wacky Bible Stories - All about Self-esteem** - Have you ever felt sorry for yourself? Or maybe felt that you couldn't do anything right? Well, the Bible tells us that you are the apple of God's eye! And as Mr. Henry says, that means you are God's pride and joy! You have value just because you exist and no one can ever take that away! This DVD is in the Religious DVD section in the library.

Adult - **COMMUNION - contemporary writers reveal the Bible in their lives** - The author has brought together a spirited congregation of our most interesting, provocative, exciting, and beloved literary writers to explore the meaning of the Judeo-Christian Bible in their lives. 36 authors approach the Bible from a personal perspective, describing their first exposure to Scripture--often as children--and reflecting on its continuing importance as a literary and cultural cornerstone for their own work. Bold and insightful, the essays in Communion will challenge and enliven readers of all backgrounds. This book is in the Topical Issues for adults in our library.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Tropical Trek" will be held Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. **THINGS WE NEED:** If you have any artificial ivy, ferns or other house plants/trees that we can borrow or have, it would be appreciated (no Christmas trees or evergreen garlands). If you do want them returned, please make sure to put your name on them somewhere. Thanks to everyone who brought in the brown packaging paper for use at VBS. We have enough so we won't need anymore. Again, thanks for the support! Hope you had a great Holiday week-end. Thanks, Kathryn



Camp Mount Luther News: The summer camping season will soon be underway, beginning June 15 and continuing through August 4. The theme this year is “Wear Love.” One of our members, *Alyx Taylor*, will be heading off on June 2 to attend staff training and to work as a counselor at the camp this summer. Please keep Alyx and all of the camp staff, volunteers, and those attending camp in your prayers throughout the summer!



Montoursville Area High School is proud to have the ‘Ville Harmonic Ensemble share their gift of music with you this Sunday, May 31st during worship The ‘Ville Harmonic Ensemble was first created in 2010, and in the decade since then, they have been honored to perform for the community and bring smiles to so many faces. ‘Ville is the best of the best- students have to audition for membership and often rehearse before sunrise. This year, ‘Ville has twelve students in grades nine through twelve under the direction of Mrs. Kirstin Gist.





“And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or lesser than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the One God in three persons.” (The Athanasian Creed)

The Holy Trinity—**God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit**—has baffled and troubled Christians for as long as there have been...well...Christians. Some will say “*It’s a doctrine,*” and therefore, it’s “*not important,*” but the Trinity **IS**, in fact, important. To say that the Trinity is a “*doctrine*”—a *human teaching*--is untrue: the Holy Trinity is, rather, a “*dogma,*” a piece of “*revealed Truth*” that you are unable to avoid, just like the Incarnation of our Lord, or the Resurrection of Christ, or the simple fact that “*Christ will come again.*” All of these things are “*revealed Truths*” that, while we may struggle with them, at the end of the day you either can accept it or find yourself outside the Christian Faith. I’m not trying to be harsh or judgmental—it’s just a simple fact that, if you do not see God as the Holy Trinity, you are of a different faith tradition...you worship a different god than Christians do, much like someone who does not believe that Jesus is both true God and true man.

If those indeed are “*the stakes,*” then the Holy Trinity is anything but unimportant. In fact, the simple fact that we name God as “**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**” as is revealed in Holy Scripture, becomes VERY IMPORTANT. And, predictably, the claim begs certain questions as to “*what does this mean?*” Do we worship, “*three gods,*” and if so, why three and not two or four? What is the relationship between these three: is “*one*” person the dominant, “*the boss,*” and the other two lesser or submissive deities? Can there be “*disagreement*” within this god, like “*schizophrenia*” or “*multiple personalities*”?

So, let me give a quick creedal lesson on these matters. Do Christians worship “*three gods*”: **NO**, and we must guard our speech lest we talk like we do. We worship the One God, and the One God in three, coeternal and coequal persons; in the words of the *Athanasian Creed*, equal in eternity and in divinity. Why “*three*”? Because this is what is revealed in Holy Scripture where our Lord tells his Apostles to Baptize and teach in the “*Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*” What is the relationship between the Persons of the Trinity? They are ONE, bound together in Love, again in the words of the *Athanasian Creed*: “***no one is before nor after, greater nor lesser than the other.***” It is radical, this relationship, it is what husbands and wives should strive for. Can there be “*disagreement*” in the Trinity? Again, Holy Scripture answers **NO**; the Son “*does the Father’s will*” and the Holy Spirit proclaims only what the Father and the Son do. There is no war, no disagreement amongst the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; the Holy Trinity is one.

It's worth stopping and pondering this sublime mystery, the God who is Three in One and One in Three. The next time you hear the Divine Name—the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit—take a moment and reflect on the Trinity, ask how the reality of the Divine Community that is our God impacts your life. For this is the God we worship and adore, this is the truth of Eternal Life that is revealed for us: that none should be before nor after the other, greater nor lesser than another. May it be so among us!

Pax Christi;
Pr. Jerry Kliner, STS

